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Dance class begins with eager youngsters moving to the music

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Softball player top athlete

MEDDAC's Sgt. Tamara Baldwin, Fort Riley's contribution to the Army's softball team last year, has been named the Army's Female Athlete of the Year.

The news came to Fort Riley Jan. 18 from Karen G. White, chief of Army Sports, Fitness and Aquatics. Duathlete Command Sgt. Maj. William Gunter of Fort Richardson, Alaska, was named Male Athlete of the Year.

Baldwin was a stellar performer for the Army softball team and later as part of the Armed Forces softball team. She received 290 of a possible 300 points for selection as athlete of the year.

Commander resets address

Col. Thomas "Ty" Smith, commander of U.S. Army Garrison, has rescheduled his address to the civilian workforce for 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Barlow Theater, Building 7866, on Custer Hill. Employees need only attend one of the sessions.

Around the Army

Ft. Leavenworth:

The Lamp reported Jan. 12 that Vice President Dick Cheney had visited the post. Cheney addressed a crowd of about 1,400 in Harney Gym.

In his introductory remarks, Combined Arms Center Commander Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus pointed out that Cheney visited the Harley-Davidson motorcycle manufacturing plant in Kansas City, Mo., earlier that day.

"At that plant, the vice president saw the construction of tough, powerful, agile, world-class motorcycles," Petraeus said. "And it's only fitting that his next stop should be here at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where we help our Army develop tough, thoughtful, agile, world-class military leaders who are prepared for the challenges with which our country is dealing in the Global War on Terror."

For more on this story and other Fort Leavenworth, Kan., news, visit www.ftleavenworth-lamp.com/ on the Web.

West Point:

The Pointer View reported Jan. 13 that the academy's parachute team enjoyed success at the 2005 National Collegiate Parachuting Championships at the Florida Skydiving Center in Lake Wales, Fla., Dec. 28-31.

Cadets 1st Class Greg Hastings and Shane Sullivan took first and third, respectively, in the overall masters and individual accuracy competition.

They and classmates Peter Crawford and Brad Niska took second place in the four-way formation.

For more on this story and other U.S. Military Academy news, visit www.pointview.com/ on the Web.

Kamekazai squirrel flips 'off switch'

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

A squirrel brought electronic activities on most of Main Post to a halt around 9:30 a.m. Jan. 17. It all started with the squirrel, said Keith Jevons, supervisor of

Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division. Behind Building 29, where the power for Main Post comes up from the ground, the squirrel took a fatal leap, shorted out high voltage power lines and tripped a breaker, Jevons said.

Power to the dark areas of Main Post could have been redirected from other areas of post with the flip of a switch so power could be restored before noon. However, the switch has needed replacing for about a year and that repair is still unfunded, Jevons said.

Instead of being able to simply flip a switch, public works employees rerouted power through old wires that hadn't been used in about a year.

One of the old wires then burned out, starting a grass fire behind Building 208. The fire department was called to put out the fire.

After stringing new wires, public works employees were able to restore power to Main Post on their third attempt at about 3:30 p.m.

The electrical damage caused by the squirrel will take several days to repair, Jevons said.

Long wait



A family waits for the formation of 140 Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 1st Bn., 13th Armor; and Troop H, 1st Cav., to be dismissed during a redeployment ceremony at Hangar 817 on Marshall Army Airfield the afternoon of Jan. 14.

Soldiers return home safely

By Amanda Kim Stairrett

Staff writer

About 150 Soldiers stood in formation inside Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Airfield Jan. 12, waiting to rejoin family members and friends after a year in Iraq.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, thanked them for their service but didn't forget those family members also waiting for an emotional reunion.

Hardy said he was extremely proud of the Soldiers' families. "Because we understand the

families you left behind, the little ones that you left behind, families, we're forever grateful to you."

Sgt. Tenisha Springer has deployed three times. Her husband, Laurence Springer Sr., said the third deployment has been the hardest for him and his three sons: 9-year-old Laurence Jr. and 4-year-old twins Adam and Alan.

As Tenisha served with Company A, 125th Forward Support Battalion, in Iraq, Laurence Sr. had his hands full dealing with one son's asthma and a case of chicken pox that infected

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Big Red One's 4th Brigade 'stands up'

By Amanda Kim Stairrett

Staff writer

This is a big year of change, Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, announced Jan. 12 at the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team activation ceremony.

Formations representing the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry; 2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry; 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery; 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion; and 610th Brigade Support Battalion, participated in the ceremony, which signified the transfer of the brigade from inactive to active status.

The 4th IBCT began its lineage as an aviation brigade at Fort Riley in April 1986.

Col. Ricky Gibbs commands the 4th IBCT and Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne serves as brigade command sergeant major.

Hardy said the stand up of the "Dragon Brigade" was a step in the transformation to widen the Army's capabilities. The brigade will be able to operate at the low end of the military spectrum,

including humanitarian relief efforts, to the high end, such as high intensity combat missions.

"It's an organization that can operate in complex terrains, be it cities or mountains or forests or jungles," he said. "It can operate dismounted. In fact, it's trained, organized and equipped to operate dismounted, or we can motorize it and send the truck and make it mobile or we can provide helicopters and we can air assault it."

Truthfully, by the time Ricky Gibbs gets done with it, we might even be able to airborne it." The 4th IBCT is unique in that it is self-sustaining because of its support battalion and because it has its own reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition unit, the 2nd Sqdn, 4th Cav. Hardy said brigades in the past 20 years didn't have their own reconnaissance teams and had to reach into battalions and steal their scout platoons.

Hardy said the brigade would be combat ready in 12 months. He reminded his lieutenant colonels and their command sergeants major to take care of the Soldiers and their families.

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Pittard pins on stars

Brig. Gen. Dana J.H. Pittard laughs at a joke his wife, Lucille told as she and Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz (right), commanding general of III Corps and Fort Hood, pin stars on her husband's uniform collar Jan. 12. See story on page 3.

Officials seek 'buffer zone' around Fort Riley

By Stephanie Perrin

Asst. Media Rel. Officer

As more Soldiers are assigned to Fort Riley because of the recent Base Realignment and Closure decision by Congress, expansion

to area communities continues to grow.

Post officials estimate the Fort Riley area will increase its military population by more than 25,000 in the next few years, counting military family members.

Post officials also expect an increase in civilian workers to meet the demand of supporting the increased military population. Contractors, construction workers, teachers, medical personnel and Department of the Army employees will be among those

added civilians.

"Fort Riley currently has limited encroachment impacts but has a high potential that these will rapidly escalate with the increase in population in the area," said Jeff Keating, Army Compatible Use Buffer program manager.

With urban development becoming more prevalent around Fort Riley, by the time their impact is realized, it might be too late to address them, he said recently.

For this reason, Keating said

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You can find the Fort Riley Post online at www.riley.army.mil





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Unit recycling brings rewards

Dental Activity earned first place and \$750 for its effort in small unit recycling for the first quarter of fiscal year 2006.

Second place and \$500 for small units went to the 1001st Military Police Battalion. Third place and \$250 went to Detachment E, 15th Personnel Services Battalion.

Medical Department Activity won first place and \$1,000 in medium unit recycling competition in the same quarter.

Second place and \$750 went to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison. Third place and \$500 went to the 1st Engineer Battalion.

First place and \$1,250 went to 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, for its large unit recycling effort in the first quarter.

Second place and \$1,000 went to 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry. Third place and \$750 went to the 101st Forward Support Battalion.

The Reserve Unit award of \$750 for recycling in the first quarter went to 2nd Battalion, 289th Regiment (TSB) (FA).

Institute slates baking courses

The American Institute of Baking has scheduled its 18-week baking science and technology course for Feb. 13 through June 16. Its 11-week maintenance engineering course will be March 6 through May 16.

For more information, call (800) 633-5137, extension 179.

Store advises on open hours

Jo Torrence of the UPS Store at 5320 Ashby Ave. on post has advised that business hours will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday

through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

For more information, call 784-4825.

Battalion earns retention award

First Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Commander Col. Bart Howard recently presented 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, a trophy for achieving the best retention program in the brigade for 2005.

Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, battalion commander, accepted the trophy on behalf of his battalion's retention team, including Staff Sgt. Jesus Lopez-Velez, the "Iron Rangers" retention noncommissioned officer.

The battalion achieved a 113 percent retention rate, the highest of any battalion in 1st Bde.

Survey can shape Army

The Army civilian attitude survey is open to all Army civilian employees, supervisors, and managers. It can be filled out online at <http://cpol.army.mil/survey/dasurvey>.

More than 230,000 Army civilians are being asked to provide input on major issues of the day.

The survey asks hard-hitting questions about leadership and management, performance culture, morale, retention, training and development, fairness, and other hot-button topics.

The results of this survey provide baseline attitudes and opinions that are used as the starting point to evaluate the effectiveness of Army programs. The survey is voluntary, strictly confidential, and no names are used.

Employees can take it during normal duty hours at work since the survey is considered official business. The survey is available online until Jan. 31.

Special to the Post

For anyone interested in a change in their Army medical career, Sgt. 1st Class Charles W. Bradshaw will present briefings on the Army Medical Department Enlisted Commissioning Program, Nurse Corps and Inter-service Physician Assistant Program this at Fort Riley this month.

Briefings on the IPAP and

AECIP will start at 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 30 at Riley's Conference Center. Those unable to attend the briefings can call Capt. James Jones, the IPAP program manager, at DSN 536-0386, (502) 626-0386 or (800) 223-3735 or send e-mail to ipap@usarec.army.mil.

AECIP applicants should visit the program Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/aecip/ and

review the AECIP application guidelines.

Other questions can be directed to Bradshaw, the AECIP program manager, at DSN 536-0381, (502) 626-0381 or (800) 223-3735 or send e-mail to aecip@usarec.army.mil.

The Enlisted Commissioning Program supports enlisted Soldiers who want to earn a degree in nursing and a commission in the

Army Nurse Corps.

The application deadline is July 1 every year, and the selection board convenes in August every year.

IPAP is an educational opportunity for officers, warrant officers and enlisted Soldiers. Applications are accepted until March 1 and are reviewed by a board in June. Application procedures are found in AR 601-20.

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that Fort Riley would like to establish buffer areas around its training lands.

Keating explained that these buffer areas would decrease community conflicts over military activities and training that may cause noise and smoke complaints and reduce potential military training and testing restrictions that might otherwise be imposed.

At the same time, ACUB would support conservation of habitat for various grassland-dependent species as well as achieve other conservation purposes.

He said the buffer zones would allow the Army to maximize the availability and accessibility of on-post training land.

"The Army is not wanting to purchase more land to train on," Keating stressed. "It simply wants to maximize the use of the land

we already own and minimize impact to surrounding properties."

Keating said that several other posts in the United States are involved with ACUB programs.

"The Army wants to be able to train our Soldiers to fight our nation's wars yet also maintain harmony with our community neighbors," Keating said.

The program allows an agreement between Fort Riley and the Kansas Land Trust to address land use and development around the post, said Craig Phillips, Conservation and Restoration branch chief at Fort Riley.

He explained that the Kansas Land Trust secures funds from programs, such as the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program, that can be combined with ACUB funds to support the buffer program.

RoxAnne Miller, executive director of the Kansas Land Trust said, "We are excited about the opportunity to preserve northern Flint Hills ranches and farms by securing funds through the ACUB program. Only through collaborative efforts like this, will we accomplish landscape scale preservation."

Miller added, "This initiative exemplifies KLT's mission of protecting and preserving lands of ecological, scenic, historic, agricultural or recreational significance in Kansas."

Phillips explained that the Kansas Land Trust approaches landowners and offers conservation easements to willing recipients.

"The landowners maintain the land, grow crops on it, run livestock, whatever they want to do with the exception of building a

home in the buffer zone," Phillips said.

"The landowners are the winners of this transaction in addition to the Army. Landowners are paid to not build on this property next to the post and still retain the rights to ownership, use and management of the land."

"It is still theirs," Phillips stressed; and "the landowners' participation is completely voluntary."

"As Fort Riley's training intensifies and communities surrounding the boundary of the post grow, it is imperative that training restrictions are averted," Keating said.

"This ACUB program is a win-win situation for everyone. The landowners still own their land and this program does not put new land into the Army inventory," Keating assured.

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Pittard gets first star where he 'started'

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

Brig. Gen. Dana J.H. Pittard, the 24th Infantry Division (Mech), assistant division commander for maneuver, pinned on the star of his new rank Jan. 12 on the same post where he reported for his first operational assignment 24 years ago.

Influenced by his father, who is a retired lieutenant colonel, Pittard said he wanted to be a Soldier since age 5.

In July 1969, at age 10, he read a tribute to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in National Geographic magazine.

"I told my parents I wanted to go to West Point and lead Soldiers in combat," he said.

At the time, only a handful of African Americans were enrolled at the military academy that had commissioned more than 28,000 graduates. His parents said, "We support you."

Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, commanding general of III Corps and Fort Hood, spoke about Pittard's abilities as a leader, the most "fearless warrior our Army has seen in a long time."

He's probably the finest warrior-scholar wearing the uniform today, Metz said. "This Soldier has duty written all over him."

Metz and Pittard stressed the importance of family in the new

Pittard's career, in part

1981: Graduated from U.S. Military Academy and received commission as an Armor officer.

1982: First operational assignment with the 1st Infantry Division (Mech) at Fort Riley.

June 1988 to March 1990: Commanded Company F, 40th Armor (Berlin Brigade).

April 1990: Commanded Company D, 1st Battalion, 37th Armor, at Vilseck, Germany, and led unit in combat in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

November 1996 to January 1999: Served as military aide to President Bill Clinton.

general's success.

Pittard met his wife, Lucille, a few months before he transferred from Fort Riley in the early 1980s. The two celebrated 20 years of marriage Dec. 28.

"Junction City, Fort Riley and Manhattan are home for me and, you know, there's no place like home," Lucille said at the ceremony. "It is very, very special."

Pittard thanked his sons, Taylor and Jordan, for "being such good kids."

"A leader can lead and care for his family," Pittard said, looking to his wife and sons.

Pittard named others who provided him with guidance and inspiration in his career.

He said he was going to leave the Army in 1986, but stayed because of Thomas E. White. White is a former colonel who was named Secre-

tary of the Army in 2001.

"I learned that integrity and character and leadership from the right person at the right time can change an organization," Pittard said of White.

He also said he learned about tenacity from Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Walker, who was wounded by an improvised explosive device on May 4, 2004, while on patrol in Ramadi, Iraq.

Doctors thought Walker, a member of the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, would never walk or speak again. He is still on active duty and was recognized by Pittard at the ceremony.

Saying he was proud to serve as the assistant division commander for maneuver, Pittard looked to Fort Riley's future and expansion.

"There are so many things going on at Fort Riley," he said. "What a place to be."

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the whole family.

The Springers also have an 18-year-old daughter, Lareshe, who attends college at Eastern Michigan University.

Laurence Sr. calmly sat in a back row of seats at the ceremony, holding a bouquet of roses and balloons for his wife of 11 years. His three sons, "heathens" he joked, were excited but not unruly.

With his camera phone, Laurence Sr. snapped photos of his wife standing in formation with his camera phone. When Hardy gave the word, the Springers made their way through the crowd to Tenisha. Adam and Alan wrapped their arms around her waist as she kissed the tops of their heads.

Laurence Sr., who is a mechanic for Lear Siegler Services, Inc. at Fort Riley, said that life with his wife's deployments could be easier but he is "very proud of her." He said she was an Army "lifer," and he was behind her.

About 420 other Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor; 1st Battalion, 13th Armor; Troop H, 1st Cavalry; 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery; 70th Engineer Battalion; and 125th FSB were honored in three redeployment ceremonies Jan. 12 and 14 at Fort Riley.

Hardy welcomed the "newest generation of veterans," saying the Soldiers were part of many accomplishments in Iraq during the past year, including helping during several elections, training Iraqi security forces and helping to reestablish schools and medical, water, transportation and fuel services.

Hardy said Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 34th Armor; 1st Bn., 13th Armor; and Troop H, 1st Cav.,



Photo by Stairrett

Sgt. Tenisha Springer hugs her 4-year-old twin son Adam as her other son, Alan, runs to her and her oldest son, 9-year-old Laurence Jr., gestures to his dad, Laurence Sr. Tenisha is a Soldier in Co. A, 125th FSB. She and other Fort Riley Soldiers were welcomed home Jan. 12 and 14.

secured the base and countryside by Taji, Iraq.

At the Jan. 12 ceremony, Hardy said the Soldiers truly embodied the Warrior Ethos, including never leaving a fallen comrade.

"In fact, we've got one of our great comrades down here to the right," Hardy said, gesturing to the end of the formation, "who is back here with us tonight and back with his unit."

Anesi M. Tuufuli was injured Feb. 25, 2005, by an improvised explosive device while on dismounted patrol in Iraq, according to a press release from U.S. Congressman Emi F.H. Faleomavega's office.

Tuufuli is a native of American Samoa and was a sergeant with Company B, 4th Bn., 1st FA,

when attacked. He was treated in San Antonio, Texas, where he lost a portion of his left leg.

After the Soldiers marched into Hangar 817 and lined up in formation, Tuufuli apprehensively, and with the encouragement of those standing nearby, followed his former comrades. He stood at attention in civilian clothes, leaning on a cane. When Soldiers raised their right hands in salute during the National Anthem, Tuufuli placed his hand over his heart.

"It's unexpected," Tuufuli said about getting to stand in formation.

Injured Soldiers don't get a proper welcome home, he said, and it was an honor getting to stand next to the others.



Post/Stairret

Guidon and color bearers of 2nd, Bn., 16th Inf.; 1st Bn., 28th Inf.; 2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav.; 2nd Bn., 32nd Inf.; 4th Bde. Special Troops Bn., and 610th Bde. Spt. Bn., stand at attention with furled flags during the 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., activation ceremony Jan. 12 in King Field House at Fort Riley. The colors and guidons were unfurled once the brigade had been officially activated.

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Gibbs said nearly 1,000 Soldiers of the 4th IBCT have arrived at Fort Riley.

Hardy said the 4th IBCT would not be the only brigade to stand up at Fort Riley this year. Another 3,400 Soldiers will come to Fort Riley this summer as part of a combat action brigade, he said.

The 4th IBCT is one of three new kinds of brigade's the Army is forming, Gibbs said. The 4th is a light infantry brigade combat team. The Army also is creating a Stryker brigade combat team and heavy brigade combat team, like the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, now returning to Fort Riley after a deployment to Iraq.

To many, the activation of the 4th IBC is the first step in bringing the Big Red One back to Fort Riley, Hardy said. Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hunzeker, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and the 1st Inf. Div. Band traveled from Germany to take part in the activation ceremony.

When the brigade is fully func-



Col. Ricky D. Gibbs, 4th IBC commander, accepts the brigade's colors from Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, at the 4th IBCT activation ceremony Jan. 12.

tioning, 3,500 Soldiers and 1,700 family members are expected to call Fort Riley home

"This is a significant beginning not just for Soldiers, not just for leaders, not just for the Army, but for families as well," Hardy said.

Serving with the 4th IBCT will probably be a three-year tour for everyone in the battalion, Hardy

said, urging families to sink their roots and "get happy."

"You're looking not only at a new year, but you are looking at the face of a new start. You're looking in the face of a new organization ... America is moving forward and America's Army is moving forward," he said. "And I think that is pretty powerful."

'Raiders' honor Mackenzie

Building rededicated to famed cavalryman

By Rob Humphrey
2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt.

Jan. 10 marked a special day for the 4th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Riley. After nearly 10 1/2 years, the new 2nd Squadron, Fourth Cavalry Regiment, of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team officially moved into Mackenzie Trooper Hall, a building located off Drum Street on Custer Hill.

The hall was originally dedicated to Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie when the 1st Squadron, 4th Cav. Regt., first occupied it until late fall 1995. On Jan. 10, the 2nd Sqdn. celebrated the 4th Cav.'s return to Building 7854 with a ceremony rededicating the hall in Mackenzie's honor.

The rededication signified the importance of 4th Cav. occupying the famed hall and honored the squadron's past, present and future troopers. Those in attendance included the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) assistant division commander for support, Col. Lee Staab; the 4th Infantry

Brigade Combat Team commander and command sergeant major, Col. Ricky Gibbs and Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, commanders and command sergeant major, Col. Bart Howard and Command Sgt. Maj. Bobby Moore; Fort Riley's U.S. Army Garrison command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble; the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard; and friends and family members of 2nd Sqdn. Troopers

Lt. Col. Jim Crider, commander of the 2nd Sqdn., addressed guests and Soldiers and explained Mackenzie's significance to the 4th Cav.'s history:

After being commissioned at West Point in 1862, Mackenzie rose to the rank of colonel in only two years. He had led troops in eight major battles by the end of the Civil War.

Mackenzie assumed command of the 4th U.S. Cavalry on Feb. 25, 1871. One significant battle while he commanded the 4th Cav. occurred in May of 1873, during

the Indian Campaigns

The 4th Cav. had been ordered to stop cross-border raiding by Apaches coming from Mexico. Mackenzie led his troopers through a difficult night march over unfamiliar terrain, across the Rio Grande and toward Remolino. At dawn, his men charged the Apache camp and defeated the warriors with only scattered resistance. The cavalry suffered no casualties.

"From this success and other well-executed raids, the 4th Cav. inherited the nickname of 'Raiders,' which is still in use today," Crider said.

Crider also emphasized the important role that cavalry units, such as the 2nd Sqdn., will play as the Army reorganizes into modular brigades.

Following the rededication ceremony, the building was open to viewing for those attending. Static displays had been set up, troopers were dressed in historical cavalry uniforms, historical presentations could be viewed and refreshments were available while visiting with the squadron's officers. Soldiers

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What do you think is our most important freedom as U.S. citizens?



"We have the freedom of being able to be who we want to be and being able to do what we want to."

Spc. Walter Ayala
HHC, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor
Home: Reseda, Calif.



"The freedom of choice, because it helps define our lives and what we want to do with our lives."

Pfc. Jimmy Ellis
Scout
1st Battalion, 34th Armor
Home: Tulsa, Okla.



"Our most important freedom is being able to speak our minds. We can say what we want when we want."

Pfc. Robert Gazaway
266th Transportation Company
Home: Saint Mary's, Ga.



"All of the freedoms we have are important."

Pfc. Jason Howard
266th Transportation Company
Home: Floresville, Texas



"I believe that the freedom of speech is the most important, because it helps to make our nation what it is."

Sgt. Michael Tucker
Infantryman
Co. A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry
Home: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Next week's question:

What individual or what organization on post has given you the most help in your military or personal life?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Action restores belief in pride

I feel compelled to write this letter because I learned that some people still have pride in the Army.

I recently had someone steal three ribbon magnets from my van while I was shopping in the commissary. It's not the cost of it; it was what those magnets stood for, such as pride in what my Soldier and all the others do for our country.

After that, I lost all belief that there's still some pride—that is until the other day.

My husband's section went out to eat at a local restaurant. While they were there eating their lunch, a little girl about 6 watched the Soldiers and talked to them. She was truly fascinated

by these uniformed men.

The parents explained that their daughter is just tickled by the Soldiers. As the family was getting ready to leave, Spc. Geoffrey Jackson (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry) removed his combat patch and gave it to the little girl because she was so smitten with them.

As the Soldiers got up and were starting to leave, they realized the check was missing. The father of that little girl had paid for those Soldiers' lunch.

Maybe, just maybe, that little girl got to see pride in uniform.

I want everyone to know that people do care. It's just sometimes hard to say it out loud.

Laura Gadohis
Military spouse
Fort Riley

By Christopher A. Callicott
Legal assistance attorney

The Internal Revenue Service recently released a list of its "dirty dozen" tax scams. These scams promise to eliminate taxes or otherwise reduce personal tax liability, but every person earning income in the United States has an obligation to pay taxes.

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Scams the IRS cautions individuals to avoid are:

Trust Misuse. Promoters of this scam attempt to get taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts for the express purpose of avoiding income tax.

Some trusts can help with tax liability, but individuals should seek the advice of a trusted professional before entering into this sort of arrangement.

Frivolous Arguments. Promoters of this scam make some of the following outlandish claims: the Sixteenth Amendment concerning congressional power to lay and collect taxes was never ratified; that wages are not income; that filing a return and paying taxes are voluntary; and that filing a 1040 form violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination or the Fourth Amendment right to privacy. All of these arguments lost when taken to court.

While anyone has a right to contest his or her tax liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law.

Return Preparer Fraud. Dishonest return preparers can cause



Capt. Chris Callicott

their client's tax refund.

No matter who prepares the return, you individual taxpayer is ultimately responsible for its accuracy. One way to avoid the dishonest preparer scam is to have taxes prepared for free at the Fort Riley Tax Center.

Credit Counseling Agencies. Taxpayers must take care when dealing with credit counseling agencies. Often, such agencies claim they can fix your credit rating but do little more than charge huge fees.

The IRS stepped up auditing of credit counseling agencies because of the large fees generated with little or no credit counseling for the taxpayer.

"Claim of Right" Doctrine. In this scam, a taxpayer files a return and attempts to take a deduction equal to the entire amount of his or her wages.

Promoters of this scheme advise taxpayers to label the deduction "a necessary expense for the production of income" or "compensation for personal services actually rendered."

This so-called deduction is a

nightmare for taxpayers that fall victim to their ploy. Dishonest preparers make their money by charging inflated fees for return preparation or skimming a portion of

misinterpretation of the Internal Revenue Code and has no basis in law.

"No Gain" Deduction. This scheme is similar to the "Claim of Right" scam. The taxpayer attempts to eliminate his or her entire adjusted gross income by deducting it on Schedule A. The taxpayer lists his or her AGI under the Schedule A section labeled "Other Miscellaneous Deductions" and attaches a statement to the return referring to court documents and including the phrase "No Gain Realized."

Corporation Sole. Participants in this scam apply for incorporation under the pretext of being a bishop or overseer of a one-person, phony religious organization.

The idea behind this scam is to make the taxpayer a nonprofit religious organization. There is a legitimate use for the Corporation Sole, but when used as described here, it amounts to tax fraud.

Identity Theft. Be choosy when disclosing personal information. Reports show a new scam involving a purported e-mail from the IRS. The e-mail claims either that the taxpayer is being audited or that they are due a refund. Then the e-mail requests the disclosure of personal information.

Be aware that the IRS will not use e-mail to contact anyone with regard to the status of their tax accounts.

Abuse of Charitable Organizations and Deductions. The IRS observed an increase in the use of tax-exempt organizations

to shield income. This occurs when a taxpayer moves assets to a charity but maintains actual control of the assets.

Offshore Transaction. Despite a crackdown by the IRS and state tax agencies, taxpayers continue to try to avoid taxes by hiding income in offshore bank accounts. The IRS continues to aggressively pursue taxpayers who are a part of this scam.

Zero Return. Promoters of this scam instruct taxpayers to enter all zeros on their income tax forms.

In a twist on this scam, filers enter zero income, report their withholding and then write "nunc pro tunc" Latin for "now for then" on their return.

Employment Tax Evasion. Promoters of this scam encourage employers not to withhold federal income tax from wages paid to employees.

This is a clear violation of the tax law. Courts found several employers guilty of tax fraud for participating in this scheme.

Note that even if an employer does not withhold federal taxes from income, the employee is still responsible for reporting and paying taxes on that income.

Individuals can avoid falling victim to tax schemes. They should make sure they are being fair to themselves and the government by filing taxes correctly. One way to make sure tax filing advice is good advice is file taxes through the Fort Riley Tax Center.

The Tax Center is located in Building 7264. The phone number is (785) 239-1040.

For Your Health

Smears can indicate presence of cancer

By Bethany Deschamps
IACH

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, which reminds some that it may be time to get a Papanicolaou (Pap) Smear.

With cervical cancer occurring in about 15,000 women every year and resulting in about 4,000 deaths annually, this screening is an excellent part of the "well woman" exam provided at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

The PAP smear is a test where cells are obtained from the cervix and sent to the laboratory for evaluation. At IACH, we use the latest technology—liquid-based cytology. The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology recommends that screening should begin three years after first intercourse or by age 21.

Screening is then recommended for every two to three years as long as the last screening test was normal. If a patient has an abnormal pap smear, she should be screened more frequently. Screening may also need to be

more frequent for patients with HIV, who are immunosuppressed or have a history of DES exposure.

The American Cancer Society recommends that low-risk women may discontinue cervical screening at age 70.

For women who had a hysterectomy, cervical screening may be discontinued if the most recent screening was normal.

Cervical dysplasia and cervical cancer can be prevented. The cause of abnormal pap smears is from a virus called Human Papillomavirus.

The virus is transmitted sexually. Modifiable measures that can be taken by the patient to prevent the development of dysplasia or cancer are to limit the number of sexual partners and to use barrier contraceptives, such as condoms.

Other individuals who may have an increased risk are women who smoke, patients who are immunosuppressed or on immunosuppressive medications and those who do not get their smear done regularly.



Bethany Deschamps

Letters to the Editor

We must practice what we teach

After the weekend of Jan. 7, I truly wonder how many Fort Riley personnel take the Warrior Ethos (I will never leave a fallen comrade) seriously.

The weather was so nice on Jan. 7 that I decided to take my motorcycle out. I had to jump start it because of a dead battery. I pulled into the 24-hour Shopette to put gas in it, knowing it was low and had to call home to have my wife come re-jump the motorcycle.

On my way up Trooper Hill I downshifted for a light and the bike died again. This time I had to wait for a coworker to come jump start me again.

Both instances ate up almost an hour and not one single per-

son bothered to stop and ask me if I needed any assistance.

I know that most, but not all, units recite the Warrior Ethos every morning before PT. The last line of the ethos states, "I will never leave a fallen comrade."

I cannot tell you how many servicemembers left a fallen comrade that day by not asking if I needed help. To me, that is very disheartening.

I realize everyone has things going on and a lot of them were in a hurry for some reason. But it would have only taken a couple of minutes to stop and ask, "Hey, do you need help?"

Soldiers of Fort Riley need to apply the Warrior Ethos in every aspect of their lives, not just at work or on the battlefield.

Spc. Richard S. Hurley
172nd Chemical Company

Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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Post, Army news briefly

New year brings new field meals

Four of the current 24 MREs have been removed and are being replaced by new and improved menus, according to the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center.

Country Captain's Chicken, Thai Chicken, Beef Teriyaki and Pasta with Vegetables have been scratched off the MRE menu.

Usually the ASSC only replaces two MREs a year, but this year there was a lot of negative feedback on these four MREs.

The ASSC has come up with four new main meals and an assortment of new sides and candies approved by servicemembers by suggestion or taste tests.

The four new meals include a penne pasta dish, chicken fajitas with soft tortillas, Sloppy Joe sauce to put on wheat snack bread and a cheese omelet breakfast meal.

Cell phone use restricted

Drivers are prohibited from using a cell phone while driving on Fort Riley unless they use a hands-free device. Post law enforcement officers began issuing warning citations in December and plan to issue court appearance citations beginning this month.

Riley's offers lunch buffets

Riley's Conference Center offers a lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For \$6.50, diners will receive a hot entree with side dish, soup of the day, gourmet salad bar, and iced tea or water to drink.

Sirens tested daily on post

The Fort Riley Operations Center is testing the tornado early warning siren system everyday following the noon mess call bugle.

Exceptions will be weekends and holidays when the FROC will run the silent test that is currently used.



Post/Heronemus

Retired Lt. Col. Victor Henke (right) talks with 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Soldiers dressed in period uniforms during an open house Jan. 12. Spc. Lech Szczawinski (left) wears a uniform used in Iraq. Spc. Anthony Cefalu wears a uniform worn in Vietnam. Henke was a platoon leader in Vietnam and commander of Co. A with the battalion at Fort Riley.

Regiment presented special memorabilia

By Moses Scheinfeld

1st Bn., 16th Inf.

Sister battalions of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, "Iron Rangers" and the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, "Rangers" conducted a regimental ceremony Jan. 12 at the "Rangers" headquarters.

The ceremony began with 1st Bn., 16th Inf., turning over the "Ranger" guidon to 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. The guidon had been kept safe by 1st Bn., 16th Inf., and stored in the 16th Infantry Regimental Room.

That same day, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., was re-activated as part of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Afterward, retired Col. Gerald Griffin, the honorary 16th Inf. Regt. commander and a Silver Star awardee during the Vietnam

War, presented each of the battalions with historical memorabilia.

To 1st Bn., 16th Inf., the custodian of the 16th Infantry Regimental Room and keepers of the regimental colors, he presented a 1st Inf. Div. pictorial history published in the 1950s and covering the "Big Red One's" history during WWI and WW II. The 16th Inf. was part of the "Big Red One" during both wars.

To 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., he presented a battle-tattered Company A, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., guidon that had been part of Griffin's command during the Vietnam War.

Veterans of the 16th Inf. Regt. attending the ceremony included retired Col. John Brooks and retired Command Sgt. Maj. William "the Real Private" Ryan. Both survived "Bloody Omaha" during the D-Day assault.

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Units welcome vets

4th IBCT battalions host open house events

By Amanda Kim Stairrett

Staff writer

Six "Proud Americans" came to Fort Riley Jan. 12 from locations including Long Island, N.Y.; Fort Collins, Colo.; and Rabbit Hash, Ky. The six former members of the 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery Regiment, traveled to Kansas to watch their former unit be officially reactivated with the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Lenny Salvo of Long Island; Jerry Graberg of Fort Collins; Bobby Williamson of Rabbit Hash; Richard Andrews of Levittown, Pa.; Ralph Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Bill Van Eck of Clifton, N.J., all appearing young at heart, stood proudly among the young men who will carry on the regiment's tradition.

One of the old vets expressed his feelings about being at Fort Riley and surrounded by the unit's new Soldiers: "HOOAH!" Jones shouted.

The day's events opened with a 6:30 a.m. 4th IBCT Brigade Run at the Custer Hill parade field.

The veterans were invited to participate, but one explained their absence: "Are you kidding me? We did all that. We walk now," Graberg said while laughing heartily.

Jones said he was surprised that all of the Army's inactivated units, the 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, known as the "Proud Americans," was chosen.

"It's a great day to be American," Jones said. "Great day to be



Post/Heronemus

Retired Lt. Col. "Mick" Dailey, who served with the 2nd Bde., 1st Inf. Div., in Vietnam, talks with Staff Sgt. James Doolittle of 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Doolittle wears the uniform and equipment today's Soldiers wear and use in Iraq. The two men were at the battalion's open house Jan. 12.

a "Proud American."

At the 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, open house, the six veterans accepted a plaque commemorating the event and, in turn, presented Lt. Col. Gregory Gadson, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, commander, with a spent artillery shell – the first round the battalion fired in the Vietnam War, Williamson said. He, Van Eck and Salvo were the original artillery crewmembers who fired that first round.

Williamson said members of the media were allowed to view the round, and after they left, his

commander said the Soldiers could write what they wanted on it. Two of the inscriptions read, "To whom it may concern" and "Hello Charlie."

Command Sgt. Maj. Keith West of the 6th Bn., 32nd FA, in Fort Sill, Okla., attended the open house to transfer the unit's colors to 2nd Bn., 32nd FA's, top enlisted man, Command Sgt. Maj. William Huffin.

The regimental battalion with the lowest numerical designator assumes responsibility for and custody of the regimental colors.

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Dads' classes scheduled

"Boot Camp for New Dads" will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Junction City Municipal Building basement.

"Dads in the 21st Century" begins Jan. 24. For more information, call 717-4021.

Youth services events listed

Jan. 21 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Red Cross Baby-sitting Class
Jan. 21 - 3 to 5 p.m., Home Alone Training
For more information, call 239-9173.

BOSS to meet, ski in Colorado

The next meeting of unit Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will be 3 p.m. Jan. 25 at Riley's Conference Center. BOSS is planning a skiing trip to Keystone Ski Area in Colorado for the Sno-Fest Jan. 26-29.

For more information, call 239-8147.

Nurse Line hours change

Effective Feb. 1, Irwin Army Community Hospital's Nurse Advice Line hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and federal holidays.

For advice or health information, call 239-DOCS (3627) or (888) 239-DOCS (3627), and select Option 2.

The advice line is staffed by registered nurses who assess symptoms and, using triage guidelines approved by the hospital's medical staff, determine if and when the caller needs to see a provider.

If the advice nurse determines a caller needs to be seen, she or he will schedule an appointment.

The advice nurses also provide health information regarding diseases, medical procedures, medication usage and side effects and give care advice for managing an illness or problem at home.

Questions regarding concerns during pregnancy will be directed to an advice nurse in the OB clinic.

Spouses' club plans meeting

The Enlisted Spouses' Club will conduct a general membership meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Armed Services YMCA, 111 E. 16th St., in Junction City.

The meeting will include a conference on military protocol and etiquette. Attendees are asked to bring a chocolate treat to share with the group. Childcare is provided. Call 784-4772 to reserve a spot.

Teen Center lists activities

Jan. 27 - 8 to 10:30 p.m., middle school dance
For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Housing reps brief senior NCOs

1st Brigade leaders learn about Picerne's post housing management plans



By Cassidy Hill

Communications Manager
Picerne Military Housing

Senior noncommissioned officers with the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, heard plans for the future of Fort Riley's on-post family housing during a briefing at Riley's Conference Center Jan.

4 by Picerne Military Housing representatives.

The briefing was one of many that Picerne will give over the next few months to inform Soldiers about how management of Fort Riley's on-post family housing will change after July 1, when Picerne assumes responsibility for on-post family homes.

Command Sgt. Major Robert

Moore, 1st Brigade command sergeant major, told his senior noncommissioned officers at the briefing there are many positive aspects about the privatization program and the plans Picerne has for Fort Riley.

"In about 10 years, most of the housing will be relatively new. A lot of new housing will be built under this," Moore said. "It will

be neighborhood oriented and you'll have the same workers working on your quarters."

Picerne Program Director Brian Beauregard explained to the Soldiers that the vision of Picerne's program is to increase the quality of life for Soldiers and their family members. Picerne

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Twirling time



Sophia Wachtstetter, Chanel Davis and Stella Heine twirl around the dance floor at the Fort Riley Teen Center during the first class of Creative Dance Jan. 4.

Youngsters learn steps in new class

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

Seven girls arrived at the Fort Riley Teen Center Jan. 4, clad in an assorted

array of T-shirts, stretch pants, tights and leotards.

It was time to dance.

Many had danced before, but a few hadn't.

Dance Instructor Krista Katalenich gathered the excited girls in a circle and began the first session of Creative Dance. Katalenich, who majored in dance at Hope College in Holland, Mich., teaches English during the day at Manhattan High School. Like some of her students, this is also Katalenich's first dance class as Fort Riley. Unlike them though, she has been dancing for 17 years.

Tatum Turner, 6, participated in a workshop with the JC Steppers, but this was her first dance class. Her mother, Stacey Paredes, said she also planned to enroll her in gymnastics classes at the center.

Turner and her fellow novice dancers took turns with introductions and then jumped to their feet to find their personal space. Arms outstretched, they each cordoned off their own chunk of dance floor, where they began learning about time, space and energy as related to dance. The girls started off by moving different parts of their bodies. Heads tilted to shoulders. Toes pointed. The girls, led by Katalenich, sang and moved faster and faster to "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."

The dancers spent more time in their personal space, moving fast sometimes, sometimes moving slowly.

They learned positions for their feet and plies.

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Alex Burns and Tatum Turner move to the beat set by Instructor Krista Katalenich's clapping hands during the first Creative Dance class Jan. 4.

Youth classes

Creative Dance/Intro to Dance

Ages 5 to 7: 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday

Ballet

Ages 8 to 11: 5 to 6 p.m.

Ages 12 to 18: 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday

Piano

4 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday (Classes are private half-hour sessions)

Guitar

Ages 6 to 10: 7 to 8 p.m.

Ages 11 to 18: 8 to 9 p.m.

Gymnastics

Tuesday

Ages 3 to 5: 4 to 5 p.m.

Ages 5 to 7: 5 to 6 p.m.

Ages 7 to 9: 6 to 7 p.m.

Ages 10 to 15: 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Ages 3 to 5: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 4 to 6: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Ages 6 to 8: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Ages 3 to 5: 5 to 6 p.m.

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Son recalls father's dream

King speaks to hundreds at observance

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

Martin Luther King III shared memories of his father with several hundred people during the Martin Luther King Jr. Observance at Fort Riley Jan. 11.

"He has followed in his father's

footsteps, surely," said Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, when he introduced King, "but he has continued to extend the path."

King spoke of his father's dream of equality for all mankind. Sometimes serious, sometimes jokingly, he spoke of today's society and the strides that have been made since his father's death in 1968.

America has achieved certain aspects, King said, "but we still have obstacles to overcome in 2006."

"Equality, justice, cultural understanding and opportunities for all people were some of the obstacles still left for people to tackle for the United States to become a truly great nation, he said."

"Perhaps in some respects, the Army has been a leader in terms of creating opportunities for all people," King said, "particularly people of color."

However, King said he wasn't suggesting the Army was where it needed to be.

"I am saying that there is opportunity and that that is a very positive thing impacting the lives of so many," he said. "We must keep working so that one day we will have what is called a color blind society."

Although his father believed in nonviolence, King said Martin Luther King Jr. understood the need for a strong military presence in society and supported the U.S. military. The late civil rights leader also felt people must learn ways of communicating without force, he continued.

"That would be the ultimate manifestation of what his vision and dream was about, for us to study war no more and one day... get there, where we lay down our swords and shields and study war no more," King said.

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Schools need impact surveys

Parents of students in Geary County Unified School District 475 are advised that the district distributed Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms on Jan. 10 for students attending public schools in Junction City, Fort Riley, Milford and Grandview Plaza.

Parents should complete, sign and return the forms as soon as possible. The survey forms were sent home with elementary and middle school students. Forms for high school students will be mailed to parents.

The Federal Impact Aid Survey Form provides an official verification and record of all students whose parents are federally connected. These forms are an important part of the district's financial support because about 50 percent of the students in USD 475 have parents on active duty status at Fort Riley.

Stories feature horses, ponies

Saturday story times are scheduled at the Post Library at 1:30 and 4 p.m. with stories about horses and ponies this month.

A little girl drifts off to sleep, dreaming of fun adventures on her "Sleep Ponies" on Jan. 21.

The story on Jan. 28 will be "My Pony" by Susan Jeffers. A young girl dreams of owning her own pony but finds her imaginary pony, Silver, can take her to all sorts of places.

The Post Library is located in Building 5306 on Custer Hill. Operating hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 239-5305.

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will be responsible for the development, construction, renovation, maintenance and property management of Fort Riley's on-post family housing for the next 50 years, he said.

Beauregard said, after July 1, "Soldiers and family members living in on-post family housing will see changes even though new homes won't be available until the end of 2007."

"Unfortunately we're not going to have new houses built day one. It will take us a couple of years before we can deliver the first new homes," Beauregard continued. "But some of the changes that you and your Soldiers will see include a temporary Neighborhood Center in each neighborhood. We'll decentralize the delivery of services and the delivery of the maintenance and management services. If your Soldier has a maintenance issue with their home, there is a neighborhood office that is in close proximity that they can go to," Beauregard said.

Picerne: Neighborhood centers successful

Beauregard said the Neighborhood Centers, which house the maintenance and property management staff, have proven very successful at other installations. He said Soldiers and their families like the centers because they decrease work order response time, and families get to know their management and maintenance staff so they feel comfortable letting them into their homes to make repairs.

Eventually, Picerne will build permanent Neighborhood Centers which will house pools, work-out facilities and multi-media rooms, Beauregard continued.

Over the next 10 years, which is the Initial Development Period, Beauregard said Fort Riley will have seven neighborhoods with entry features and landscapes that are similar to that of a gated community. The privatization idea is to bring a private sector feel to post housing, Beauregard continued.

"We will only build single fam-

ily homes and duplexes. There will be no more Colver Manor six-plex buildings," he explained.

Beauregard told the group Picerne will only build three- and four-bedroom homes and that the minimum size for a three-bedroom home will be 1,630 square feet. The average size for a three-bedroom home in Warner and Peterson Heights is 1,200 to 1,250 square feet. He also said the minimum size for a new four-bedroom home will be 1,940 square feet.

During the IDP, Picerne plans to build 2,100 new homes, of which 1,700 will be replacement homes and 400 others will be added to the current inventory, Beauregard said.

Some other changes that will occur after July 1 will be that when new Soldiers arrive on post, they will attend a briefing where they will either be directed to off-post referrals or Picerne for housing, Beauregard said. If a Soldier wants to live on-post, Picerne will be responsible for the assignment of his or her home.

Additionally, Picerne will provide some form of self help, even though it is not going to be needed, Beauregard said, because Picerne will perform all maintenance on the homes.

Picerne also will be responsible for lawn care, including grass cutting, pest control and severe weather control once it assumes responsibility. "Soldiers will also not be required to pay for a cleaning team when they leave their homes because Picerne requires only a surface clean condition when Soldiers leave post," Beauregard said in response to a question.

Want more info?

For more information about privatization or the Resident Occupancy Agreement, contact Picerne Military Housing at 717-2200.

Residents must sign occupancy agreement

Another change Soldiers and their family members will see July 1 is that Soldiers will be required to sign a Resident Occupancy Agreement, which is similar to a lease one might sign off post.

The ROA will authorize an allotment in the amount of a Soldiers' Basic Allowance for Housing, Beauregard told the senior NCOs at the briefing. Soldiers living on-post do not see their BAH on their Leave and Earnings Statement, however, once they sign the ROA, they will see their BAH go into their LES and an allotment for the same amount taken out.

Take-home pay will remain the same. Dual military couples living in on-post family housing will be responsible to allot the highest grade member's BAH at the independent rate and the other will retain his or her BAH.

If a Soldier is not able to sign the ROA due to a deployment, he or she must sign a Special Power of Attorney that will enable the spouse to sign it, Beauregard said. A General Power of Attorney will

not work, because it is not specific to a real estate transaction.

Utilities will be covered with a Soldiers' BAH, however, the Department of Defense created a nation-wide initiative to encourage energy conservation and new homes or significantly renovated homes will eventually be metered.

Fort Riley will not see meters for a while because it will take a few years before Picerne is able to deliver the first new homes. Beauregard said that after the new homes have meters, the Army will establish a baseline for each home type. If occupants go over the utilities baseline, they will be responsible for paying Picerne the difference. If they go under, they will receive a credit.

Another change once Picerne assumes responsibility will involve pets. New Soldiers to Fort Riley will pay a \$150 refundable and a \$100 nonrefundable pet deposit. The deposit will be per household and not per pet, Beauregard said.

Current residents will be grandfathered in and will not be required to pay the deposit. Picerne will follow the post's current policy on the number of pets allowed per household, which is three.

Picerne will soon begin scheduling briefings at battalion and company level to inform Soldiers and their families about privatization and the Resident Occupancy Agreement.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Middleton of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, said he thought the program is going to be positive for Soldiers.

"I love the idea of the neighborhood centers," Middleton said. "Neighbors can get together - not

at a buddy's house, but at a more central location."

Gary Kalinofski, a retired brigade and Garrison command sergeant major from Fort Bragg, N.C., is the military affairs liaison for Picerne. Kalinofski remembers when Picerne began to privatize Fort Bragg. He said he was skeptical of the program at first, until he saw the positive changes. "I have got to tell you, this privatization program is the best thing that has ever happened to Fort Riley," Kalinofski said, "because the Army cannot build homes faster or better or as good as the private sector can do."

"From day one you are going to see a difference," Kalinofski said.

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School Age Services listed

Jan. 21 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., free childcare for families of deployed Soldiers

Jan. 25 – Custer Hill Bowling Center, 1st through 5th grades

Jan. 27 – Winter Festival at School Age Services, kindergarten through 5th grades

Jan. 27 – 6 to 10 p.m., Parents Night Out

For more information, call 239-9220.

Support Center lists activities

Jan. 23 – 9 a.m. to noon, Spouse Activity Day

For more information, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

Adults talk about books

The adult reading group will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Post Library.

All adults are invited to join the group, which meets the first Thursday of each month. Anyone wanting to join the discussion can check out a copy of the book at the library during regular hours.

For more information or to join the group, call 239-5305.

Bible study offered officers

Female officers interested in Bible study but who cannot devote evenings for such study can join a noontime study group that meets every Friday at lunch in the conference room of Building 212.

For more information, call Capt. Jamie Peer at 239-3280 or (785) 341-9205.

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Katalenich then began clapping. The girls broke away from their personal space to walk around the dance floor to the beat.

From the general space of the dance floor, the girls moved back into the circle to end the class. For their final activity, they each made up movements to go with their name.

"Key-air-a," began the first student, Kierra Poindexter, as she moved her arms and legs to the sound of her name.

The other students followed Kierra's movements and then took turns demonstrating their own dances.

Amy Heine said she thought the class would be fun for her daughter, Stella, 5, who danced around the floor dressed in a white leotard with matching tights

and skirt. Stella nodded that she was excited about the class.

She was enrolled in a class in Illinois, but the family had to move before it was over, her mother said.

"That one was too short," Stella said, "and I never got to go on stage."

Prospective dancers ages 5 to 7 can still enroll in Creative Dance, which is taught from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday evenings and runs through the end of the school year.

Child and Youth Services is also seeking instructors for martial arts, horseback riding, cooking and voice lessons. Prospective instructors should call Shelley Anderson-Buckley at 239-4723 or send e-mail to rashelle.anderson@riley.army.mil.

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King, who was 10 when his father was killed, learned at an early age not to embrace hatred. He said he was thankful that he was able to embrace the spirit of love and stressed the importance of people being able to love others and work together even though they may not agree.

"If we learn how to work together and how to live together as brothers and sisters," King said, "then we would create a truly harmonious nation and ultimately it would be manifested throughout the world."

After his speech, King joined hands with members of the Morris Hill Chapel Choir as they led the audience in singing "We Shall Overcome."

Before his speech, King III joined Hardy, Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble, and Lt. Col. Robert Foutz in presenting awards to students who had won a poster contest.

Students were asked to create posters honoring the life contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, Martin Luther King Jr.

The winners were:

Terry Lee – 5th grade, Custer Hill Elementary

Kelvia Taylor – 5th grade, Morris Hill Elementary

Rebecca Burroughs – 4th grade, Custer Hill Elementary

Rachael Martin – 4th grade, Morris Hill Elementary

Jamie Phillips – 4th grade, Fort Riley Elementary

Joey Aguilar – 3rd grade, Fort Riley Elementary

Nathanael Bolton – 3rd grade, Morris Hill Elementary

McKenna Miller – 3rd grade, Fort Riley Elementary

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Community news briefly

Rally Point offers 'fun'

Jan. 25 – Krazy Karaoke and Wing Night, 20-cent wings and dance music 8 p.m. to close.

Jan. 26 – Dance music 8 p.m. to close.

Jan. 27 – Family Night from 5 to 8 p.m., and dance music from 8 p.m. to close.

Saturdays – Hip Hop from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday with DJ Monroe.

Sundays – NFL football, six games on TV, doors open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information, call Rally Point at 784-5434.

Parents' council to meet Feb. 2

The Parent Advisory Council at Fort Riley meets the first Thursday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m. in the training room at Building 6620. The next meeting is Feb. 2.

Meeting agendas include program updates and parent information. For more information about the council, call 239-9850.

Protestant women slate Bible classes

By Shaina Clark

19th PAD

Fort Riley's Protestant Women of the Chapel will conduct Bible classes at 9 a.m. every Tuesday at Morris Hill Chapel.

Seven classes, one each week, have been planned.

Classes include: Personality Plus. Attendees can gain insight for appreciating their one-of-a-kind, God-given personality. They can learn to accept and even enjoy the traits that make each person so different from others.

When Godly People do Ungodly Things. Attendees will discuss how they can protect themselves from deception, how to recognize when somebody is vulnerable and learn to reveal common danger signals and a plan for restoration.

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. This class shows how everyone can draw closer to the Lord, deepening their devotion, strengthening their service and doing both with less stress and greater joy.

Becoming a Person of Influence. This class shows how to

accomplish goals and dreams, improve the ability to work with others, develop the qualities of a winner and much more.

Romancing Your Husband. This class offers ways to become the "queen of romance" and transform a marriage in the process. Attendees can learn how real and lasting love comes as a direct result of a truly Biblical union, which includes healthy submission, forgiveness and an intimate relationship with God.

Your Money Counts. This class explores how suffocating materialism is robbing people of their spiritual vitality. Attendees can discover the profound impact that handling money has on their relationship with God.

Your Girl: Raising a Godly Daughter in an Ungodly World. Attendees can learn how to overcome the negative influences of a provocative culture while addressing timely topics, including sexual purity, the dangers of conformity, self-worth, modesty and femininity.

Free childcare will be provided.

For more information, call 717-2820.

Operation Holiday seeks Valentine's Day donations

By Shaina Clark

19th PAD

Kathryn Alvarez wants donations for deployed Soldiers as part of her Operation Valentine's Day 2006.

Valentines will be sent to the Soldiers in priority video size boxes.

Her volunteers would like to include items such as holiday cards, phone cards, a bag of candy and any other Valentine theme items that will fit into the boxes.

Here is how it works:

Individuals donate cards and items to put into the boxes. The donor's address can be written inside the card, but the envelope should not be sealed.

Cards and items should be sent to: Kathryn Alvarez, P.O. Box 2160, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

The deadline for receiving cards and items is Feb. 1.

"It's a way that I bring people together who don't know what to do for the Soldiers but want to be a part of supporting the troops," Alvarez said.

She is founder and president of

Operation Holidays

Operation Holidays Corporation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-deductible organization that supports deployed Soldiers and their spouses. Monetary donations to Operation Holidays are used for postage and administration fees only.

Operation Holidays takes donations of every type all year round.

For more information, visit www.operationholidays.com.

Operation Holidays.

"It's an easy way for families, friends, schools and organizations to get together and volunteer their time to help support the troops," she said.

Soldiers and spouses can access Alvarez's Web site and sign up to be included in Opera-

tion Holidays via e-mail.

Since June, about 700 Soldiers have been on the list.

About 70 spouses whose Soldiers are deployed also are on the list. The number grows every day, Alvarez said.

"Our main focus is the Soldier, but we do our best to keep in contact with the spouses by e-mail, sending cards and items that are needed to them," she said.

Operation Holidays started in 2003 when Alvarez's husband was deployed.

She began after she was getting things together to send to him and heard that many spouses could not afford to send something to their husbands. S.

he decided that every Soldier in the 2nd Platoon should receive something for Christmas.

"From then, it just took off. I have enjoyed sending items to the Soldiers' every holiday," Alvarez said.

"I feel I am doing what my heart tells me to, and with Operation Holidays it's become a wonderful thing to be able to do more for the Soldiers," she explained.

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Sports news in brief

Post staff plans dodgeball event

Fort Riley's sports staff is seeking interested players to form dodgeball teams to compete in a post "Extravaganza" at beginning at 9 a.m. Feb. 11 at King Field House.

The "Extravaganza" will be open to all active duty and local civilian teams. Teams will be comprised of six players at least 18 years old.

Teams must pay an entry fee of \$60. Entry fees can be paid at the Sports Office, Building 202, beginning Jan. 23. Teams must register by noon Feb. 8. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rules will be available upon registration and balls will be available for practice at King Field House.

For more information, call 239-3945 or 239-2172.

Senior bowling league forming

Custer Hill Lanes Bowling Center will be starting a Senior Bowling League.

The league would play one night a week and dues would be around \$10 per bowler.

Interested people should call the Bowling Center at 239-4366 for more information.

Eagle watching scheduled

The Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center staff will host eagle watching tours Feb. 11, 15 and 18. Cost for the tours is \$6 per person, including refreshments and transportation.

The bald eagle is an endangered species that can be seen in and around Fort Riley.

People taking the tours should dress for being outside in whatever weather conditions prevail the day of the tour.

Visitors should consider bringing cameras and field glasses to view the birds and preserve memories of the trip.

All tours will begin at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 9011 on Rifle Range Road.

For more information or to sign up for the tour, call 239-2363.

Gym, pool activities listed

King Field House and Eyster Pool staffs have scheduled several activities and classes scheduled for the coming week, including:

Jan. 23 - 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Eyster Pool, abs, buns and thighs

Jan. 23 - 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., King Field House, cardio pump aerobics

Jan. 23 - Noon to 1 p.m., King Field House, fitness yoga

Jan. 24 - 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., King Field House, PT power-time

Jan. 24 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics

Jan. 24 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Cardio Training Express

Jan. 25 - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., King Field House, turbo kick

Jan. 25 - 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., King Field House, cardio pump aerobics

Jan. 26 - Noon to 1 p.m., King Field House, fitness yoga

For more information, call 239-2813.

Air Force wears 2 bowling crowns

AFPS

RENO, Nev. — The Air Force swept individual and team competition in the Armed Forces Bowling Championships at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., Jan. 11.

Staff Sgt. Kristen Elmore of

Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, and Tech. Sgt. Martin Bedford of Hill Air Force Base, Utah, won the women's and men's divisions, respectively.

Elmore finished her 24 games with a 4,605 total to top Marine Gunnery Sgt. Lisa Beekma of Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.,

who had 4,598. Chief Petty Officer Bessie Lowery of USS Ross, Norfolk, Va., was third with 4,520.

Bedford totaled 5,076 to top the men's field.

Army Staff Sgt. Dwayne Watkins of Fort Rucker, Ala., was second with 4,902, while Air

Force Staff Sgt. Jack Barfield of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., was third with 4,875.

Bedford, Watkins and Barfield advanced to the 32-player match play round and qualified to play for a spot on Team USA.

Air Force won the team event in the women's and men's divisions.

The six Air Force men totaled 27,835, while the Air Force women scored 17,631.

The 21 women and 24 men representing the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy competed as part of the U.S. Bowling Congress Team USA Championships.

Royal treatment



Spec. Robert Gonzalez of the 101st Forward Support Battalion hands a baseball to Kansas City Royals broadcaster Ryan Lefebvre to autograph while pitcher Jeremy Affeldt and outfielder Emil Brown sign autographs for other Soldiers in the 1st Brigade. The Royals Caravan included Lefebvre, Affeldt, Brown, Royals Hall of Fame pitcher Dennis Leonard and Byron Shores, who dons the uniform of Sluggerrr, the team mascot.

Major leaguers visit 1st Brigade

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

It was hard to tell who was more excited Jan. 11, the Soldiers or the "Royals Caravan" members.

Kansas City Royals pitcher Jeremy Affeldt and outfielder Emil Brown, accompanied by team announcer Ryan Lefebvre, Royals Hall of Fame pitcher Dennis Leonard and Byron Shores, who dons the uniform of Sluggerrr, the team mascot, visited Jan. 11 Fort Riley to meet Soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and get a firsthand look at some of their equipment.

Affeldt didn't know whether he could hack it as a Soldier, but said he liked the military atmosphere. His dad was in the Air Force, and he said he understood military life.

As he sat in the back of the swanky Royals' Caravan bus, he contemplated the importance of his job compared to that of the Soldiers' he just had lunch with.

These guys could take a bullet. I just play baseball, he said.

He wanted to know just as much about the Soldiers' jobs as they wanted to know about baseball.

Affeldt was a member of last year's caravan when it visited Fort Riley and was excited to get inside equipment at the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, and 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, motor pools.

"I love getting in these tanks," Affeldt said.

Brown said he had more questions for the Soldiers than they had for him.

"I had more fun asking them about the Army," he said.

Brown immediately made a connection with Sgt. Zarod Capers, a Soldier with Co. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA. Capers is a gunner on the tracked 155mm howitzer called the Paladin. Capers said he and Brown identi-

fied with each other because both are from inner cities. They talked about life as a celebrity. Brown's rise to the major leagues and Capers' life as a single father.

This is a great opportunity because it feels good when someone famous congratulates Soldiers and appreciates what they've done, Capers said. He thinks it was a great morale boost and more things like this should be done for Soldiers.

Sgt. 1st Class Don Hickson of 1st Bn., 34th Armor, said this was a unique opportunity because professional athletes were visiting where he worked and they were excited to talk to the Soldiers.

"We feel like we are the superstars," he said.



Post/Stairrett
Jeremy Affeldt, Royals pitcher, signs a photo of himself for a Fort Riley Soldier Jan. 11.



Post/Stairrett
Members of the Royals Caravan eat lunch at the 1st Brigade dining facility Jan. 11.

Senior scores college 'deal'

Shanklin signs with Crowley Lady Tigers

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

At 5 feet, 9 inches, Courtney Shanklin can be an imposing threat across the volleyball net — especially when you look at her stats.

Courtney ended her senior season at Junction City High School with a 91 percent serving percentage, 191 perfect passes to the setter and 98 kills.

She made her latest mark in volleyball when she signed a letter of intent in early December to play at Cowley County Community College, where she will receive an athletic scholarship.

Courtney is the daughter of Sgt. Maj. Curtis Shanklin of the

Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization, and Colleen Shanklin, a civilian employee on post.

Joanna Pryor, Cowley volleyball coach, said Courtney has a great attitude and tremendous

athletic ability.

"She has the skills to play at any position on the court," she said. "With her attitude and personality, she will fit in with our current team and continue our success."

This season, the Cowley Lady Tigers placed runner-up at the NJCAA Division II National Championships, where they were the No. 1 seed. This was the first time the team attended the championships since 1978, according to the team's Web site.

At the end of the regular season, the Lady Tigers ranked No. 1 with a 30-6 overall record and 9-0 record in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division.

They faced division rival, Johnson County Community College in the national championship game.

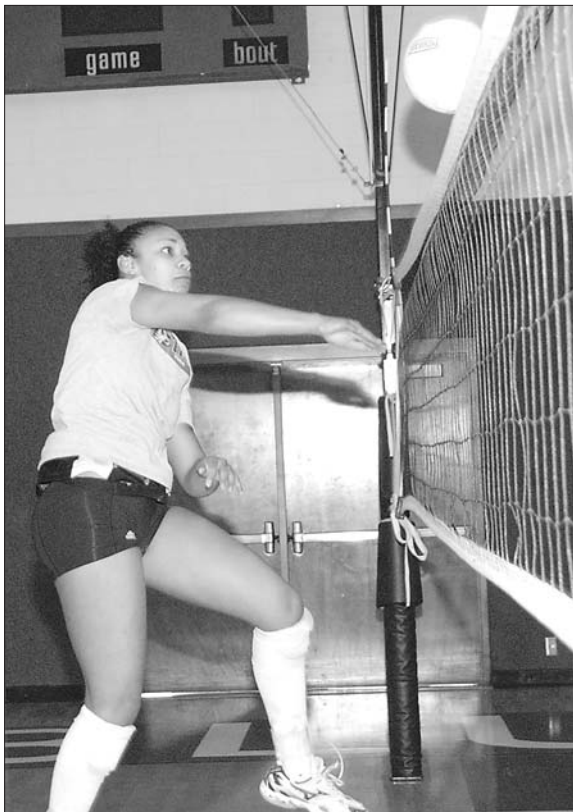
This is an exciting opportunity for Courtney to play at a higher level and be exposed to a higher level of competition, said Tami Seifert, Junction City High School volleyball coach.

An outside hitter her senior year, Courtney spent her first three years at Junction City High School as a middle hitter. Her hitting ability was her strongest asset, making it difficult for the opposing team to dig kills, Seifert said.

Colleen said her daughter was focused and took the game seri-

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Courtney Shanklin practices spiking the ball Dec. 28 at Junction City High School. She will join the Cowley County Community College Tigers volleyball team next season.

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ously.

Courtney credited her parents for doing everything they could to better her as an athlete and a person. When she decided she wanted to focus on volleyball, they enrolled her in camps, sought extra coaching and encouraged her to try out for off-season teams.

Curtis only missed games while he was deployed to Iraq, but Colleen taped every match for him, Courtney said.

"My parents are very important to me," she said. "I don't know what I am going to do next year if they can't make it to a game. That will be very weird."

The Shanklins are a family of athletes. Curtis and Colleen participated at the high school level and continue to enjoy playing.

Their son, Curtis, received a football scholarship to the University of Minnesota Duluth. He now works for the school's sports program. Courtney is involved in cheerleading, track and several athletics clubs at Junction City High School.

Although she took it up in the fifth grade, volleyball wasn't always Courtney's favorite sport. Before high school, she was a track star at Fort Riley Middle School, breaking the record for the 800-meter dash. Her passion for track started to wane when she started getting pushed too hard.

"I started to dislike it and not work as hard," she said. "I just didn't have the love that I had for volleyball, and so I never looked at it the same since then."

During her sophomore year of high school, Courtney and her teammates Whitney Foust, Chrissy Cervera and Melissa Boller, decided to step up their dedication, commitment and off-season play. Courtney said they decided they had to fix things, and if the four of them did, others would follow. They played in the off-season to sharpen their skills.

"The four of us pushed each other and our teammates to compete at the highest level of our ability and challenged each other

to better ourselves," she said. "Even if it was 1 percent each day, it makes a difference."

Courtney's success will be an encouragement and show younger players what is possible for them, Seifert said.

Courtney currently plays for the Kansas Jets, a traveling team based in the Wichita area. About 300 girls from across Kansas tried out for the team in November. Courtney was one of eight selected.

Now that the pressure of deciding what to do after graduating isn't there, she can enjoy her senior year, she said. She wants to major in elementary education at Cowley County.

"But I am always contemplating on if that's what I really want to do," she said. "So it's really up in the air. Just depends on how I'm feeling that day."

Life after Cowley County is

something she is already contemplating. Courtney said she prefers smaller towns, but her parents think she'll choose to live in a big city after living somewhere smaller than Junction City.

Cowley County Community College is located in Arkansas City, Kan., a city of more than 10,000 about 200 miles south of Fort Riley and less than 10 miles from the Oklahoma border.

She eventually wants to play in the Pacific-10 Conference, which includes Arizona State University; University of California, Los Angeles; University of Southern California and Stanford University.

Sports news briefly

Firearms range open weekends

Fort Riley's Range 9 for privately owned firearms is open for use on weekends by authorized patrons. Confirmed open dates are Jan. 21, 22, 28 and 29, weather permitting. The range may be open other days or those confirmed dates may change. Anyone wanting to use the range should first check with Outdoor Rec at 239-2249 to confirm the range is open.

The range is usually open despite inclement weather. If the range is to be closed because of severe weather or extreme cold or heat, the range

officer scheduled for duty will notify Range Control and Outdoor Recreation.

Military police man the gate to the range area and inspect for range pass and that all weapons have the proper Provost Marshal's Office registrations. The vehicle pass for the range can be picked up at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

All users of the POF Range must possess a valid Department of Defense ID card and a Fort Riley weapons registration form for their firearm.

All shooters must bring their own hearing protection. No water is available at Range 9. Target stands and targets are available at no charge at Range 9.

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Soldiers ‘star’ at Patriots’ NFL playoff game

By Richard Lambert
Army News Service

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Four Soldiers in dress blues silently marched across a freshly lined football field Jan. 7 as 20 colonial muskets were loudly snapped to “present arms.”

Under the brilliant lights of Gillette Stadium, the Soldiers presented the American and U.S. Army flags to the deafening roar of more than 68,000 fans at the New England Patriots’ playoff game in the National Football League.

As the 94th Regional Readiness Command color guard from the New England Patriots’ Minutemen stood fast, more than 80 other Soldiers anxiously waited for the game to begin between the Patriots and the Jacksonville

Jaguars.

The color guard members knew they were being watched by thousands of fans.

“I was nervous, but once we got out there on the field, it all went away,” said Sgt. 1st Class Andre Rodgers, 395th Quartermaster Battalion.

“The adrenaline makes you forget everything when you start marching across the field,” said Staff Sgt. Renee Herndon, 94th RRC Color Guard.

“Once I saw that we did a good job, I felt very good inside then,” she said.

Fans thank Soldiers for service

Football fans in the stadium went out of their way to thank the Soldiers for the job they had done,

and the job they were doing around the world.

Comments such as “you guys are the real heroes tonight” and “we should be asking you for your autograph” showered on the 80-plus Soldiers in the stands.

triot playoff tickets were donated to the 94th RRC as part of a tribute to freedom and thanks to the Soldiers for the job they do and how they do it.

“This is awesome. This is incredible,” said Spc. Brian Faenza, 947th Quartermaster Company. “Every time I get up from my seat, someone thanks me for my service.”

“About 20 people throughout the game approached us and said thank you for what you are doing and what a great job you are doing,” said Staff Sgt. Kienaldo Rivera, 94th RRC.

“One guy approached us that

really touched us. He said, ‘on behalf of my wife, myself, and my three children, thank you,’” Rivera recalled.

“I am a quiet fan, I never get off my seat, but that day I gave a high five to every one in front and back of me,” said Rivera.

“I had an awesome time,” he exclaimed.

Police officers help lost Soldiers

Local law enforcement also showed support to the troops and gave them thanks.

“I had never been to the stadium; it was my first time. I took a back road and the cops had closed the road.”

“When we approached them and said we did not know it was the wrong way, the cops opened

the road.

“The cop said ‘Thank you, go right ahead, and do not take any Bull%*#@ from anyone,’” Rivera said.

One-hundred New England Patriots wide receiver, and Willie McGinest, New England Patriots linebacker, at the end of the game.

guard, who got personally thanked for their service by Bill Belichick, New England Patriots head coach, David Givens, New England Patriots wide receiver, and Willie McGinest, New England Patriots linebacker, at the end of the game.

Middle school boys take second place

Staff report

Fort Riley Middle School’s Troopers placed second in the recent Eighth-Grade Boys Basketball Tournament played at Washburn Rural Middle School in Topeka, Kan.

The tournament host, Washburn Rural Middle School, took the tournament championship.

The Troopers played against teams from Junction City and Mission Valley, as well as Washburn Rural Middle School’s

White and Blue Teams.

Trooper players were Austin Parton, Tristan Flagg, Lawrence Berkley, Michael Hoey, Tre Williams, Demetre Dickerson, Tevin Geike, Raphael Reid, Jeremy Jackson, Kevin Euring, Darin Fogg, Micke Reed, Corey Nitkiewicz, Jamison Carmichael, Emmanuel Cockrell, Marc Bass, Dillon Moenning, Andrew Louis, Sam Quintas, Moises Denis and Victor Link.

Coaches were Mike Whaley, Lem James and Chad Plummer.

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Visitors guide covers travel highlights

Kansas publication entices exploration of many places

By Beverly Hurley

Media Representative
Travel and Tourism

TOPEKA, Kan. — The 2006 Kansas Visitors Guide is a 172-page travel adventure across the state of Kansas. Completely updated with beautiful photography, a magazine-style editorial format and eye-catching creative look, the guide gives visitors a comprehensive look at the state's tourist attractions, towns, people and stories that make a visit to Kansas a memorable one.

To receive a copy of the 2006 Kansas Getaway Guide, visit Kansas on the Web at www.travelKS.com or call (800)

2KANSAS. The guide is also available in one of the many travel information centers, chamber of commerce offices or convention and visitors bureaus across Kansas.

One section in the guide — Kansas Journal — features more than a dozen unique or new places to visit in the state. Other sections focus on one-of-a-kind travel experiences ranging from

"Secrets of the Flint Hills," home of the famed tallgrass prairie, to the "Land of Famous Kansans," from Ike (Eisenhower) to Amelia (Earhart).

The "Treasure Hunt" section encourages visitors to venture off interstate highways and discover the real Kansas with out-of-the-way antique shops, local specialties and craftsmen.

"Elbow Room" showcases just how vast and varied the landscape is for visitors to discover here, from the red-colored buttes of the Gypsum Hills and the state's

famed wetlands to the bison ranges and working ranches where visitors become cowboys, if only for a day or two.

The "Kansas Calendar" is filled with more than 800 listings of entertaining events and festivals scheduled across Kansas for 2006. The guide includes a comprehensive listing of attractions, accommodations, campgrounds, guest ranches, recreational areas, hunting lodges, bed and breakfasts, antique shops, shopping venues, motor sports, golf courses and retreat centers.

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America's Warfighting Center

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Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Jan. 20 - In The Mix (PG-13) 97 min

Jan. 21 - Ice Harvest (R) 88 min

Jan. 22 - Syriana (R) 126 min

Jan. 26 - In The Mix (PG-13) 97 min

Jan. 27 - The Chronicles Of Narnia (PG) 125 min

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Get away and explore Kansas. Check out details on these and other events on the Kansas Travel and Tourism Web site, www.travelKS.com.

Kansas City:

What: Olde World Christmas. Decorated Ethnic and Victorian trees in 118-year old Queen Ann mansion, musical performances, and St. Nick appearance.

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Jan. 24, 2006

Where: 720 N. 4th St., Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center, Kansas City, Kan.

Phone: (913) 371-3264

Web site: www.strawberryhillmuseum.org

Admission: \$5

Cottonwood Falls:

What: Music at the Emma. Weekly acoustic jam sessions playing country, gospel, bluegrass, and rock and roll. Musicians and audience welcome.

When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays only, year-round

Where: 317 Broadway, Emma Chase Café

Phone: (620) 273-6020

Admission: Free

Lawrence:

What: Eagle Day. Learn about nature and the environment. Presentations on nesting, banding, and live bald eagles. Performance by the Thunderbird Theater.

When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 22

Where: 21st and Harper, Douglas County Fairgrounds

Phone: (785) 840-0700

Web site: visitlawrence.com

Admission: Free

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What: "Tap Dogs." Clad in boots, jeans and flannel shirts, the six young blokes from a steel town near Sydney, Australia, combine the strength and power of male workmen with the precision and talent of tap dancing.

When: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24

Where: 1600 Stewart, Lied Center

Phone: (785) 864-2787

Web site: www.lied.ku.edu

Admission: Varies by seating choice

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What: Kansas Statehood Ball. 1860s period dance to celebrate Kansas' statehood. Period dress is encouraged, but not mandatory.

When: 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 28

Where: 619 N. Rogers, Sterl Hall

Phone: (785) 263-2681

Web site: www.heritagecenterdk.com

Admission: \$5

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What: Kansas Day Celebration. Celebrate Kansas' state-

hood with living history demonstrations, tours and entertainment.

When: 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 28

Where: 211 W. Iron, Smoky Hill Museum

Phone: (785) 309-5776

Web site: www.smokyhill-museum.org

Admission: Free

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Burlington:

What: Pioneer Days. Step into the past and relive events through hands-on activities, exhibits, demonstrations of pioneer life, and the celebrity ham and bean feed.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 28

Where: 1101 Neosho St., Coffey County Historical Museum

Phone: (620) 364-2653 or (888) 877-2653

Web site: www.coffeycountymuseum.org

Admission: Free

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Wichita:

What: 49th annual Darryl Starbird Exotic Car Show and Action Arena. Over 400 hot rods, custom and experimental cars, motorcycles, and trucks on display with live entertainment and celebrities.

When: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Jan. 21; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 22

Where: 225 E. Douglas, Century II

Phone: (918) 257-8073

Web site: www.darrylstarbird.com

Admission: Adult \$15; juniors \$10; child \$5

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What: Wichita Grand Opera presents "Lucia di Lammermoor" ("The Bride of Lammermoor"). Music by Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848). Libretto in Italian by Salvatore Cammarano. A tragic romance in three acts set in Scotland the end of the 17th Century.

When: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21

Where: 225 W. Douglas, Century II

Phone: (316) 683-3444

Web site: www.wichitagrandopera.org

Admission: \$30-\$80

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North Newton:

What: Celebrate Kansas Day. Performances, take-home crafts for kids, horse-drawn wagon rides, bake sale, and flea market.

When: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 28

Where: 2801 N. Main St., Kauffman Museum

Phone: (316) 283-1612

Web site: www.bethelks.edu/kauffman

Admission: Free

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Manhattan:

What: 1% of Art - A Random Sample from the Permanent Collection. This interesting exhibition is comprised of 55 pieces from the 5,500 works of art in the Beach Museum of Art's permanent collection. Objects were "selected" by the museum's collection management database, IO, by running a random query of 1% of the museum's holdings.

Visitors have an opportunity to see a selection of a wide variety of art that truly comprises the Beach Museum of Art collection. Prints by well known artists, such as John Steuart Curry, E. Hubert Deines, John F. Helm, Jr., and Herschel C. Logan, are represented, as well as works by lesser known and unknown artists.

When: Through April 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Where: 701 Beach Lane, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art

Phone: (785) 532-7718

Web site: www.k-state.edu/bma

Admission: Free

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For more information, visit www.auroraconsort.com or www.manhattanarts.org on the Web.

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Gold medalist, pianist Nakamatsu to perform with Topeka Symphony

By Kathy Maag

The Topeka Symphony

TOPEKA - Pianist Jon Nakamatsu brings his award-winning talents to Kansas at 8 p.m. Jan. for a concert in White Concert Hall on the Washburn University campus in Topeka.

He will perform Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto with the Topeka Symphony. Nakamatsu was named Gold Medalist of the 10th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in June 1997, the only American to achieve that distinction since 1981.

Since then, he has performed with many of the leading orchestras including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, as well as the orchestras of Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, San Francisco and Seattle.

Music Director John Strickler, who performed with Nakamatsu previously, described the pianist

Statehood Ball



Kansans, many dressed in 1860s period clothing, celebrate the birth of Kansas at the annual statehood ball. Kansas was made a state on Jan. 29, 1861. *Publicity photo*

Kansas celebrates 145 years of statehood

Come one, come all to the 11th annual Kansas Statehood Ball.

Bring the whole family to learn the Virginia Reel or the Jenny Lind Polka in celebration of Kansas' 145th birthday Jan. 28, at the Dickinson County Fairground in Abilene.

Dancers from all over the state arrive in period costume to dance the night away, beginning with the "Grand March" and

followed with a waltz.

The ball is a family event and attendees are encouraged to dress in 1860s clothing to help commemorate the birth of Kansas on Jan. 29, 1861, but old-fashioned dress is not a requirement.

Robert Thomas from Fort Scott, Kan., will be the ball's preceptor in charge of leading dances and teaching novice dancers.

If you go:

What: Kansas Statehood Ball.
When: 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 28
Where: 619 N. Rogers, Sterl Hall, County Fairgrounds in Abilene
Phone: (785) 263-2681
Admission: \$5

Ballet comes to stage

By Jennifer Newberry

MANHATTAN, Kan. — "Swan Lake," as performed by the Russian National Ballet Theatre, can be seen at Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium at 8 p.m. Jan. 27.

The ballet tells the story of Odette, a swan by day and a maiden by night.

Only true love can break the evil spell, but a wicked magician attempts to fool the prince by disguising his daughter as Odette.

The Russian National Ballet Theatre has also performed "Giselle," "Don Quixote," "Nutcracker" and "Sleeping Beauty."

Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.k-state.edu/mccain> or by calling the McCain box office at (785) 532-6428.

